

“Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water.”

~ Loris Malaguzzi (1920-1994)

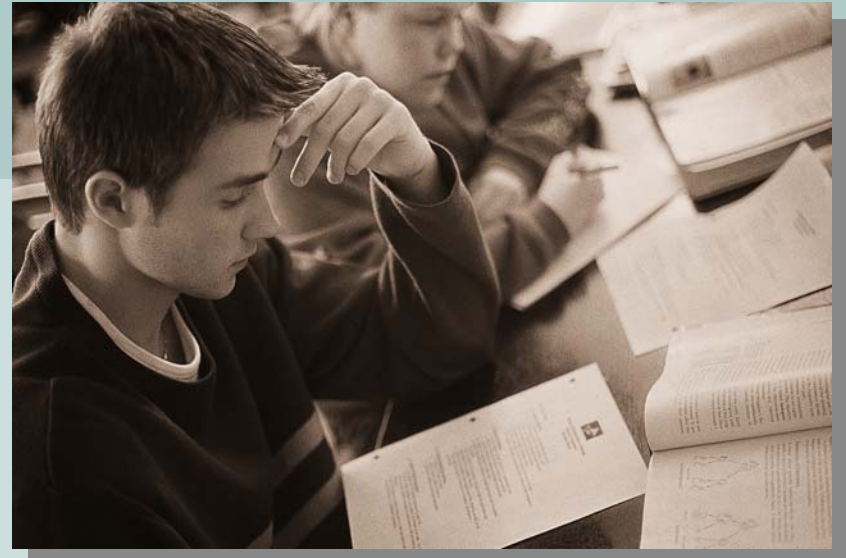
The Life & Times of an Embedded Librarian

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Agenda

- What is an embedded librarian?
- What I did and what I am doing.
- An embedded librarian: Why or why not?
- Tools for embedding
- Your thoughts & questions

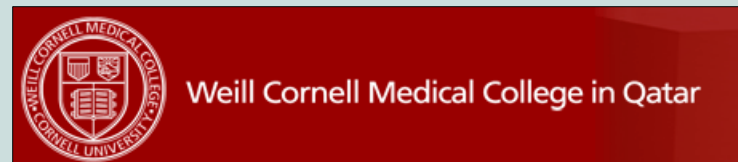


What is an embedded librarian?

For Example...



Penn State Erie The Behrend College



What I did and what I am doing...

About UW-L and First Year Students



- UW-L is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin; population 52,000
- 1,753 first year students came to UW-L in fall 2007
- 80% of these students were in the top 25% of their class



What I did or am doing...

| In Fall 2007 | In Spring 2008 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced to class during 2nd week of classes as the embedded librarian for classes• 1 formal information literacy session• 1 research day• Available in-person, via e-mail or chat• Read-rights to Class' D2L Content• Embedded librarian webpage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced to class during 1st week of classes as a co-instructor and the embedded librarian for these classes• 1 formal information literacy session• 2 research days• Available in-person, via e-mail or chat• Instructor rights to class' <u>D2L site</u> |

An embedded librarian: Why or why not?

“For every person who wants to teach there are approximately thirty people who don't want to learn--much.”

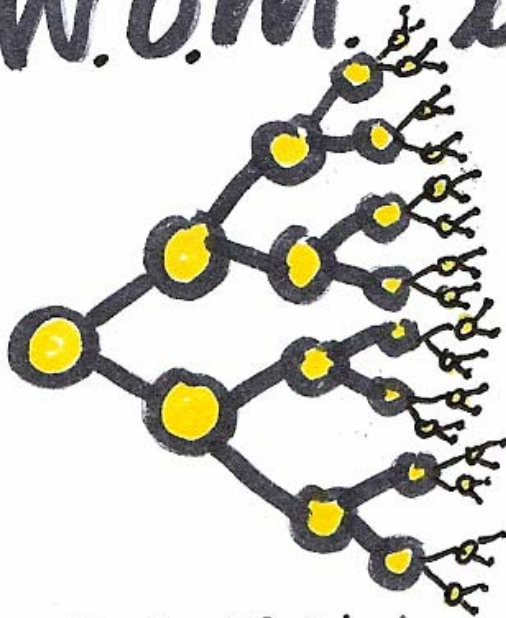
~ W. C. Sellar and R. J. Yeatman,
And Now All This (1932) introduction

Why did I want to embed?

To match what I know about human behavior and today's students...



W.O.M. is exponential



| DAYS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | etc... |
|-------|---|---|---|----|----|----|--------|
| USERS | 1 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 31 | 67 | etc... |



Talk is cheap!

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HELICOPTER PARENT

is a term for a person who pays extremely close attention to his or her child or children, particularly at educational institutions. They are so named because, like a helicopter, they hover closely, rarely out of reach — whether their children need them or not.



Although the term seems to have been in use as far back as 1991, it only gained wide currency when American college administrators began using it in the early 2000s as late-wave baby-boomer parents earned notoriety for practices such as calling their children each morning to wake them up for class and complaining to their professors about grades the children had received.

The rise of the cell phone is often blamed for the explosion of helicopter parenting; It has been called "the world's longest umbilical cord."

Text excerpted from the Wikipedia article *Helicopter parent*. 27 August 2007

A matter of trust...



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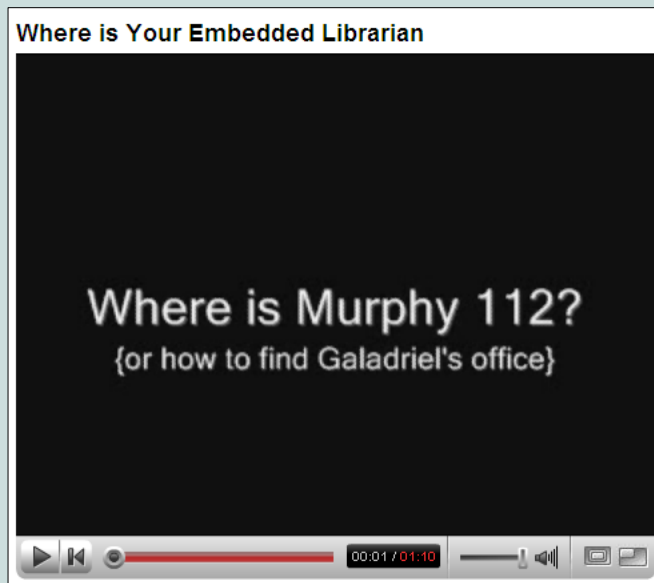
Benefits of embedded librarianship...



Challenges of embedded librarianship...



My toolbox for embedding



Help!

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Ask A Librarian

 UWL eresources librarian is online

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“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

~ Abigail Adams

Thoughts?

Comments?

Questions?

Thank you!